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The Ride Majestic

The Ride Majestic

(music and lyrics: Strid)

From the deepest of waters to a burning sky
I've been dragged through golden aisles
Of everyday malice

Sometimes a whisper ain't enough
Sometimes it's all you need
Past times will wake your reasons up
A world you've been spared to believe
As it shows, I could have been dreaming
through all of this
I know it never goes the way you were raised
To kneel and perceive

The words, the shadows, the way
You all just left me to be
Bring me fortune as I die

When they call for me saying "Son, you're
heartless"
I won't believe it...
The Ride Majestic
How can it cease when I transcend
All these images lost in the end
A later storm that will take it all
And wash us all away

Never think it'll be over
It moves in circles
Changing shapes and throwing you back to
where it all began
I've earned my right
I've earned my shelter
Now let me move on

Sometimes the strive is all in vain
Sometimes it gets you there

The skies, the darkness, the sea
You all just showed me the way
Bring the fortune I've denied
As I die

Carry my message
The sky declined
Marry the fire if it still hurts
Bring it forth to those deprived

(solo: Andersson)

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Alight In The Aftermath

(music: Coudret, lyrics: Andersson)

Then they came in shapes and dreams
Visions wrapped in smoke and steam
Spoke to me in twisted tongues
Words that burned inside my lungs

Then they came to bring the end
Infiltrate and then transcend
Whispers from the dawn of time
Spiritual but not divine

Where is the meaning to all that's left behind
If I walk down that path?
From the beginning, we kept our souls entwined
Alight in the aftermath

Then they came like rain and wind
Flesh can't hold the truth within
There's no guilt, no one to blame
Spirits travel without names

And if that flame enlightens me
Will it relieve me of my needs?
To come alive, free from existence
Escape the emptiness where I was born

(solo: Coudret)

They come as travelers through astral planes,
diverting time
The great unravelers of all that's hidden in
your mind

I lift my gaze into the fire beyond
This wondrous phase, it will not last for long
Embrace this dawn like I once held you
You'll know before my time is due

Then they came at no small cost
They alone knew what I'd lost
After birth communiqué
This time, fire lights the way

Where is the meaning to all that's left behind
If I walk down that path?
From the beginning, we kept our souls entwined
Alight in the aftermath

Death In General

(music: Andersson/Strid, lyrics: Strid)

You went out of reach as quick as the
setting sun
Nowhere else you could have gone
Still geraniums whispered your
name that night
There was no one there who'd
give you up

We all see changes, but how the cut
runs deep
A shadow approaching
Your pain is common, it's like
lament on repeat

How about driving souls apart
Like death in general
It's bound to shatter what you know
'Cause pain is nothing
Recalling the way we used to dance
Through gutters all built in distress
I still mourn

The days turned to strangers as
soon as your light moved on
Infinity burned my fingers, one last
look and then you're gone
The world crashing down on the
innocent
The sky opening up for the truth
You were carried with honor and
fiery eyes
Into unknown dominions where
hearts reunite
Sail on... My flash in the night

How about driving souls apart
Like death in general
It's bound to shatter what you know
'Cause pain is nothing
Recalling the way we used to dance
Through gutters all built in distress
I still mourn

The wind, the touch
The zenith, the iris
The never let go...

(solo: Andersson)

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runs deep
A shadow approaching
Your pain is common, it's like
lament on repeat

How about driving souls apart
Like death in general
It's bound to shatter what you know
'Cause pain is nothing
Recalling the way we used to dance
Recalling the last dance, my friend...

Enemies In Fidelity

(music and lyrics: Strid)

As you dig another grave
You can count on my distinctive presence
We as one but still miles apart

Now I wish you would kneel before me
As I am, as I transform
Stronger than anything
Stronger than hate

Built for war...
I accept the challenge, the triumph is near
Dismantled...
I truly am your enemy

Restless believer
Of everything you hear
Of everything you see

Still I long for you, my culprit of choice
Won't leave your side
Through every second, every distant little noise
I will be yours

Need no one to get me through
Slowly fading in fidelity
My enemy, my words are true
Let me lead your way

We are enemies in fidelity
Nothing more but all too real

We enter the night, a promise of war
We spill our blood but ask for more

Meant to soar...
I tend to rival as you make amends
To the core...
You know we were meant to be something more

Still I long for you, my culprit of choice
Won't leave your side
Through every second, every distant little noise
It makes no difference since we're already torn

Need no one to get me through
Slowly fading in fidelity
My enemy, my words are true
Let me lead your way

(solo: Andersson)

I'll roll the dice, you'll succumb
Your silent rage will make it run

Need no one to get me through
Slowly fading in fidelity
My enemy, my words are true
Let me lead your way

Petrichor By Sulphur

(music and lyrics: Andersson)

I saw the end, the fall, the weight of it all
Trapped inside life's invisible walls
I wait for her to make me believe
If she can't, then there's nothing I need
I tried so hard to make my amends
To behave as if nothing would end
The things we love, the things we destroy
As we claw our way out of the void

I need that umbilical silence
To cut through this veil of doubt
It enters me tender and violent now
Is this the end of dreams
Or just the truth I need?

Now the light is bleeding into my head
She's alive and needing me
somewhere else
What will remain the day she goes
where I can't follow her?
There is no promise to dim our sights
Not as we enter this bleeding light

I saw it breach the sky, a gateway of fire
And the vapor of each tear we cried
Dissolved in air, she's taking me there
'Cause this night is ours to conquer
and share

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It enters me tender and violent now
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where I can't follow her?
There is no promise to dim our sights
Not as we enter this bleeding light

Now the light is seeping in through
cracks of wasted time
A last reminder of those moments
when the world was mine

Like sulphur rains
And mornings after
Like growing pains
They fade away
Like every time
They made you suffer
I will return

(solo: Andersson)

Now the light is bleeding into my head
She's alive and needing me
somewhere else
What will remain the day she goes
where I can't follow her?
There is no promise to dim our sights
No turning back 'cause tonight we Ride
There is no way we can close our eyes
Not as we enter this bleeding light

The Phantom

(music: Andersson, lyrics: Strid)

I live to awake you
You son of time
As soon as I see you
You draw the lines
Through chambers of delusions
Your nurturing shadow
You give me closure and shelter in fire

A keeper of our needs
To wallow in secrets
You hold no dignities
And redeem the speechless

Prey on my mind
Tell me I'm there
To rejoice in my misery
Take my side, let me find
The abyss that I've faithfully designed

The world is a snake and thou tongue is bile
It swallows your guilt, but then you die
I'd rather speak with the phantom inside

I dream of dominions I once used to roam
in need
...Now ruptured and sunken
The surface still bleeding but I'll just
pretend that I have seen
...A world beyond
The night is still cold and I'm still deceived
But in the phantom I believe

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(solo: Andersson)

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The Ride Majestic (Aspire Angelic)

(music: Andersson, lyrics: Strid/Andersson)

Embracing the silence as served
You know how the next thought will turn
No matter the guilt you've let in
The crown of resemblance will win

'Cause you see the connection, you
feel the pain
Synopsis: you can't help getting maimed
Whether it's you, whether it's me
It's all inside the shell

Now it's gone and all that's left
Is the path I once repressed
She is closer now than death
Aspire Angelic
But the Ride is Majestic

Recalling the hours you've dwelled
From everything to nothing
Make sure from the first glance of light
You steer into venomous ties

'Cause you see the connection, you
feel the pain
Synopsis: you can't help getting maimed
Now whether it's me, whether it's you
It's all inside the shell

The rain whips my conscience
The strain towards the end
The rain keeps on falling
The sound got me settled with sadness
I know it too well now
The stranger in me turns to ashes

(solo: Coudret)
(solo: Karlsson/Andersson)

Now it's gone and all that's left
Is the path I once repressed
She is closer now than death
Aspire Angelic
The Ride is Majestic

Now it's gone and all that's left
Aspire Angelic...
The Ride is Majestic

Whirl Of Pain

(music: Andersson, lyrics: Strid/Andersson)

We're the ones who'd never betray you
We're the ones that would always
stand back
We never made a sound, never left a trace
Now the pace keeps changing but
we're still here
This whirl of pain and the unlimited fear
We've already thought things over
All in vain

Save those words tonight
We don't care what you're thinking
'Cause they were never meant to forge
How selfless of you to finally grant
our presence
Don't you leave us 'til we bleed

After all I ever did, it's washed away
Don't let it be me now
It's like I never even tried to remain sane
But it all turns out just not what
you wanted
Not what you asked for
Now start dragging me around

As the world breaks down
We'll explode without a sound
Lost together in this whirl of pain
Bow your head down low
When this world is overthrown
We'll unite where nothing else remains
In this whirl of pain

Let us all rejoice before you throw us all
To that howling wolf of yours
Making room for a storm
In the well of unanswered prayers

Same sound, different voices

(solo: Andersson)

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We'll explode without a sound
Lost together in this whirl of pain
Bow your head down low
When this world is overthrown
We'll unite where nothing else remains
In this whirl of pain

Same sound, different voices

All Along
Echoing Paths

(music and lyrics: Strid)

Onwards I tremble, onwards I crawl
My reason profound, the pain above all
Secluded from motion, detained to rot
Emerging from sacrifice
Giving all that I've got

The strive of reaching higher
And hold on to what eventually falls
Is making sure that the spirit will crumble
Once the bloodstained curtains are dropped

Violation of what I've kept inside
A nation of remedies all mine

All along echoing paths
The lights are gone
Strength in numbers
Will burn us all

The weight that's been covering our backs
Is now replaced
A place where our hearts will turn black
That's where we'll stay

Segregation of souls beneath the norms
Revelations and the oncoming storm
Abandoning pressure, abandoning reasons
Overcoming the burden that drove us through loss

Outcasts of heaven, beggars in black
Escaping the kingdoms of perpetual wrath

Needless to say I'm through with you
My fallen angel, my fallen star

The strive of reaching higher
And hold on to what eventually falls
Is making sure that the spirit will crumble
Once the bloodstained curtains are dropped

All along echoing paths
The lights are gone
Strength in numbers
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The weight that's been covering our backs
Is now replaced
A place where our hearts will turn black
That's where we'll stay

(solo: Andersson)

All along echoing paths
The lights are gone
Strength in numbers
Will burn us all

My creation, forever lost to wrath

Shining Lights

(music: Coudret, lyrics: Strid)

Your imagination
Will set the world on fire
Silenced by shining lights
A satisfying delight

A resolution never seen before
Reality won't be a friend no more
'Cause the further it goes, the less
you will grasp
In this dying world of yours

It won't ever let you go
It won't ever let you grow

The infiltration of the empire meant
for you

...Just ruined your chances way
too soon
You're one with the frame that will
get you through
The tension, the drug, the helpless mind
The love of a mother redirected

How I feel for you
The way you're sinking
Deeper and deeper
Beyond recognition

'Cause the source is never ending
No use, stop pretending
We won't ever find our way
Since the source is still defending
Our crown of reality sending
Nothing more than what's been said

Our lives going nowhere
Constantly bleeding somewhere
Life's going nowhere...

(solo: Coudret)

How I feel for you
The way you're sinking
Deeper and deeper
Beyond recognition

(solo: Coudret)

'Cause the source is never ending
No use, stop pretending
We won't ever find our way
Since the source is still defending
Our crown of reality sending
Nothing more than what's been said

Your imagination, the infiltration

Father And Son, Watching The World Go Down

(music: Andersson, lyrics: Strid)

All that comfort lost in seconds
Into burning fields of the unknown
I saw the fear, I felt the rumble
Our eyes exploding, our memories lost forevermore

We're going down

I thought we never could be wiped out
Lost and dragged in shame
To be one with what's been made up
It all ends here, but where do we go?
Do we ever get to find out
Where our hearts will lie?
Transcending filled with pain
Our souls without a name

Into the night as our hands are entwined
Never let me go
We owned our time but here we drown
In tears we've collected
Slowly we rose for a glance at the sky
Never let go
Father and son, watching the world go down

Our reality lost in motion
Never coming back
Your lips are moving but there's no sound
Watching the last light die
Sensing our last sigh
Together as we have lost our last fight

I thought we never could be wiped out
Lost and dragged in shame
To be one with what's been made up
It all ends here, but where do we go?
Do we ever get to find out
Where our hearts will lie?
We all knew it all the way
The growing shadow that brought this day

Let it come, there's no fear
All at once, we're already numb

Into the night as our hands are entwined
Never let me go
We owned our time but here we drown
In tears we've collected
Slowly we rose for a glance at the sky
Never let go
Father and son, watching the world go down

Go down...

Riding the wave of nothingness
Our ambitions slowly ripped apart
But we still stand

(solo: Andersson)

Into the night as our hands are entwined
Never let me go
We owned our time but here we drown
In tears we've collected
Slowly we rose for a glance at the sky
Never let go
Father and son, watching the world go down

Of Hollow Dreams

(music: Strid, lyrics: Miguel Holmberg)

Shattered by the sudden and horrible loss
Only in my sleep can I contain the grief
Until the moment I wake up
To the nightmare of reality

Trying to find relief in these painful times
...Of hollow dreams
Hoping that time will heal
It's so surreal, the way I feel

Emptiness, a crucial part of me
Forever gone
Sorrow cannot seem to let me go

Condemned to pain
But somehow you keep me sane
Nothing can replace you in my life
Even though you're never, ever coming back

The thought of a future without you
Keeps on haunting my fragile mind

It wasn't meant to end so soon
Where did you go?
Now I'm hoping that time will heal
To see you leaving was so surreal

Release me from this prison of the mind
Time is rushing forward, but I'm standing in line
Thankful that you probably left us unaware
Liberated from the sorrow

Trying to find relief in these painful times
...Of hollow dreams
Hoping that time will heal
It's so surreal, the way I feel

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Even though you're never, ever coming back

(solo: Condret)

Sorrow cannot seem to let me go

Condemned to pain you still remain
Nothing can replace you in my life
Even though you're never, ever coming back

The End Begins Below The Surface

(music and lyrics: Verbeuren)

It grows in subtle spurts
A flower diseased, unprotected
Ringing in the final spring

A vicious undertaker, heard nor seen
Unleashing a war that's lost
Before it begins

Eyeless are we, cursed to be
Swallowed by chaos
Hollow and defenseless

All that we've hoped for
Must come to an end
One must face the inevitable
Buried by aeons, the sleeper awakens again

There is nowhere left to Ride
There is nothing left to destroy
There is nowhere left to hide
The end is now... Now and forever

From the depths where all life sprang
Demise comes, undefeatable
From below the surface
Its formless menace strangles
In nothingness our world dissolves
This downfall is eternal

All that we've hoped for
Must come to an end
One must face the inevitable
Buried by aeons, the sleeper awakens again

There is nowhere left to Ride
There is nothing left to destroy
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The end is now... Now and forever

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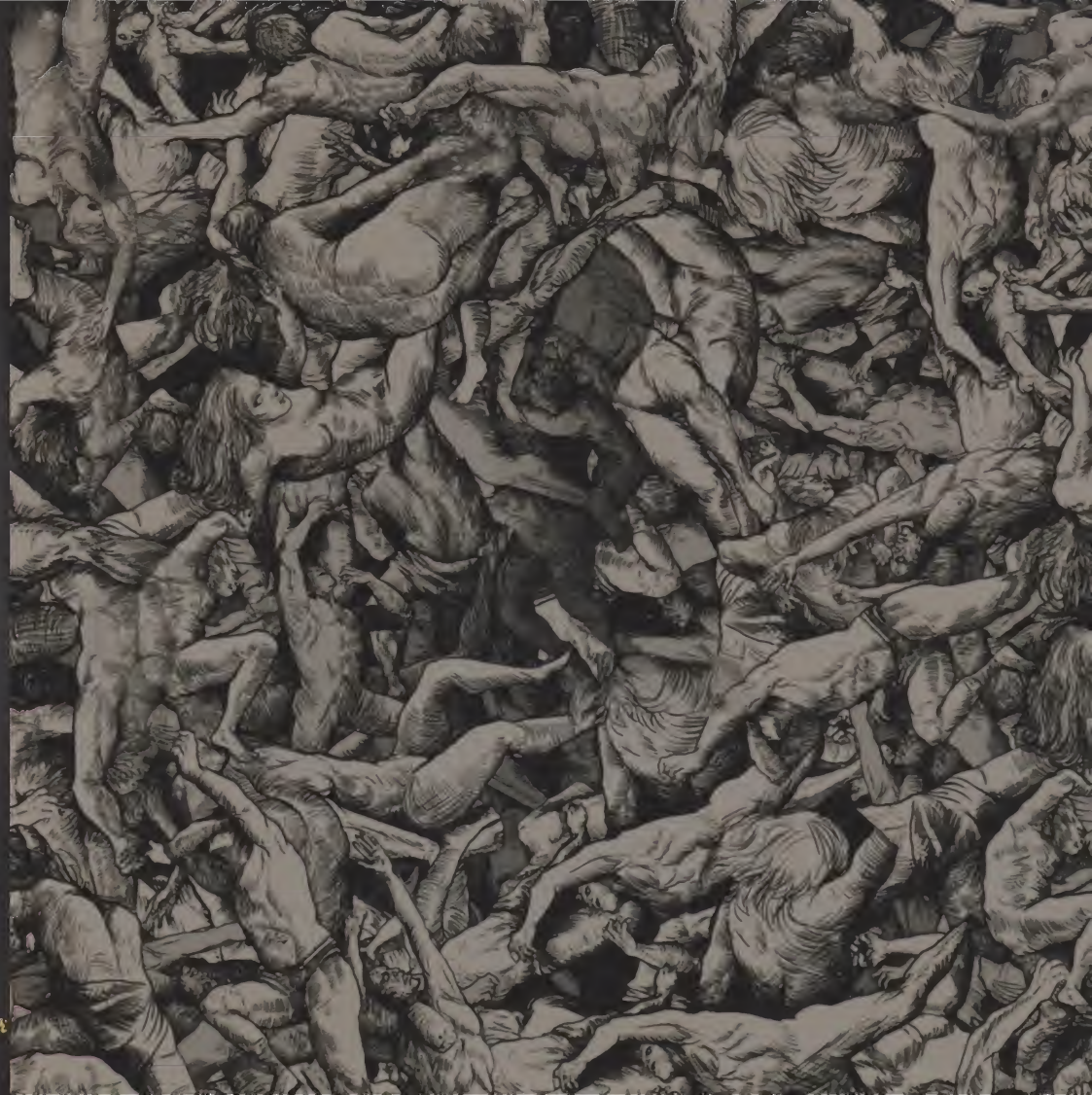
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